REMARKS

Applicant thanks the Examiner for acknowledging that claims 4, 13 and 19 contain allowable subject matter.

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the present application in view of the foregoing amendments and in view of the reasons that follow.

Claims 4, 7, 8, 13, 19, 22, 23 and 25 are requested to be cancelled.

Claims 1, 9, 10, 16 and 24 are currently being amended.

This amendment changes and deletes claims in this application. A detailed listing of all claims that are, or were, in the application, irrespective of whether the claim(s) remain under examination in the application, is presented, with an appropriate defined status identifier.

After amending the claims as set forth above, claims 1-3, 5, 6, 9-12, 14-18, 20, 21 and 24 are now pending in this application.

Prior Art Rejections

Claims 1, 7, 9, 10, 16, 22, 24 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Curtis U.S. Patent Number 5,247,464. Claims 2, 3, 8, 11, 12, 17, 18 and 23 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Curtis U.S. Patent Number 5,247,464 in view of Heiner et al. PG-PUB 2004/0203827. Claims 5, 6, 14, 15, 20, 21, and 25 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Curtis U.S. Patent Number 5,247,464 in view of Heiner et al. PG-PUB 2003/0154301.

In response, Applicant has amended independent claims 1, 9 and 24 to include the allowable limitations of claim 4, amended independent claim 10 to include the allowable limitations of claim 13, and amended independent claim 16 to include the allowable limitations of claim 19. Accordingly, independent claims 1, 9, 10, 16 and 24 should be allowed. Claims 4, 7, 8, 13, 19, 22, 23 and 25 have be cancelled. Claims 2, 3, 5, 6, 11, 12, 14, 15, 17, 18 and 21 depend from one of claims 1, 9, 10 or 16 and also should be allowed.

Conclusion

Applicant believes that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing or a credit card payment form being unsigned, providing incorrect information resulting in a rejected credit card transaction, or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicant hereby petitions for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

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